



Community Advisory Group - Membership Application

Name	_____
Group or Affiliation	_____
Mailing Address	_____
City/State/Zip Code	_____
Phone	() - E-Mail _____
Best Way to Reach You	_____
Interest Areas	_____
Signature	_____

I am submitting this request to become a member of the Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the IL 83/IL 137 Study. The CAG is a group of voluntary community members, including study area residents, businesses, and property owners, representing a broad range of interests. The community-based working group partners with IDOT during the planning and design process to identify stakeholder interests and values, develop improvement options, and evaluate the potential effects of those options on community resources.

CAG Responsibilities

Please read and check to confirm your understanding of the following responsibilities required of all CAG members. If I am selected to be a member of the CAG for the IL 83/IL 137 Study, I understand that it is my responsibility:

- ☐ To attend and be on time to all CAG meetings. I understand that these commitments extend through the completion of the IL 83/IL 137 Study. This may include up to eight evening meetings through spring 2015. I understand that the timing or number of meetings may change.
- ☐ To stay well informed of study issues. This may include reviewing informational materials between CAG meetings.
- ☐ To assist IDOT in planning and design efforts related to proposed improvements along IL 83 and IL 137.
- ☐ To create awareness of the study and promote open communication within the group and community.
- ☐ To provide two-way communication between IDOT and stakeholders by communicating stakeholder interests and concerns to IDOT and sharing IDOT concerns and perspectives with stakeholders.



- To be willing to step down from the CAG if I am unable to fulfill my commitment, in order for the CAG to proceed in a timely manner.

CAG Ground Rules

The following ground rules will be used during the IL 83/IL 137 Study to form the basis for respectful interaction of all parties involved in the stakeholder process. CAG members will have the opportunity to modify the ground rules at the first CAG meeting, as needed. The ground rules will be included in the study's Stakeholder Involvement Plan.

- ◆ Stakeholder input is duly considered in order to yield the best solutions to problems identified by the process.
- ◆ Input from all participants in the process is valued and considered.
- ◆ All participants must keep an open mind and participate openly, honestly, and respectfully.
- ◆ All participants should work collaboratively and cooperatively to seek a general understanding of agreement.
- ◆ A general understanding of agreement is "when a majority of the stakeholders agrees on a particular issue, while the remainder of stakeholders agrees its input has been heard and duly considered and that the process as a whole was fair."
- ◆ All participants in the process must treat each other with respect and dignity.
- ◆ The project must progress at a reasonable pace, based on the project schedule.
- ◆ IDOT and FHWA will serve as the lead agencies and make final project decisions.
- ◆ Meetings will be documented and meeting summaries will be made available to the public.
- ◆ Participants should express their ideas, feelings and concerns so that the group can consider them during the study.
- ◆ Participants should support the guidance provided by the CAG facilitator.

Thank you for your interest in the IL 83/IL 137 Study's Community Advisory Group.

Please scan and email your completed application to IL83andIL137@volkert.com or mail to:

IDOT IL 83/IL 137 Study Team
Attn: Michael Walton
103 Lanter Court
Collinsville, IL 62234

You may also contact Michael Walton, Volkert Inc. Project Manager, if you have any questions or would like additional information at (618) 345-8918 or visit us on the web at www.IL83andIL137.org to learn more about the study.

Our goal is to have a balanced CAG membership, with a broad range of stakeholder interests represented by members who have the ability to fully participate. Depending on the number of CAG membership applications received, IDOT may limit CAG membership to one or two members from similar interests/entities to ensure effective representation. The IDOT Study Team will make the final selection of CAG members in the next several weeks. We will notify you of the CAG membership selection at that time.